



Overview: The Youth Ambassadors Program (YAP) is a funded opportunity for youth from around Haiti to become active in solving challenges in their communities, and their country. YAP is administered by [Global Potential](#) and is funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Youth Programs Division.

Details: Applications are due, January 23th 2015, at 11:59pm. If the applicant does not have a passport yet but meets all the requirements, he/she still can apply. 15 selected participants + two adult educators from Haiti will travel for 21 days to the U.S cities of New York, Boston, and Washington D.C., and will have the opportunity to learn from, teach, and collaborate with youth peers in these locations.

The goals of the program are:

1. Promote positive change among youth and in their communities.
2. Prepare youth to become responsible citizens in their communities, country, and the world.
3. Increase youth's abilities in time management, public speaking, teamwork, critical thinking.
4. Build relationships among youth and create networks between youth leaders.
5. Train youth in the concepts and practice of Social Entrepreneurship.
6. Introduce youth to leaders in non-profit and change-making organizations in the US.
7. Learn about US families, culture, geography, and socio-economic realities.
8. Train youth to make videos and photos to be able to share their experiences with their home communities.

Who is Eligible to apply?

- Anyone who is at least 15 years old and no more than 18 years old by July 1, 2015.
- Have permission from parent/guardian to participate in the program
- Have Haitian citizenship, and a valid birth certificate
- Participants of ALL backgrounds and abilities are encouraged to apply

Requirements: Be able to make a strong commitment to ALL program activities, including:

- Trainings & Orientations
- Monthly working sessions, and weekly phone and video calls
- Sharing back with their home communities.
- Development and implementation of a Community Action Project.

Who is not Eligible to apply?

- Applicants who have previously traveled to the U.S. for any reason, or previously participated in an ECA program
- Family members of employees of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
- Family members of employees of Global Potential
- Family members of employees of the US Embassy in Haiti
- Applicants who are in the process of applying for U.S. immigration.
- Applicants with dual U.S. citizenship
- Incomplete applications will not be considered for participation.

Students will be evaluated on the following characteristics:

- Demonstrated interest in and commitment to volunteer and civic activities;
- Ability to work cooperatively in diverse groups and be open to the opinions of others;
- Leadership potential; Entrepreneurial spirit
- Good social and communication skills;
- Patience, perseverance, and passion!
- An energetic, positive attitude
- Ability to implement projects that benefit their community.

Recommendation Letters:

Two recommendation letters are required as part of the application - references must be from teachers or community leaders who know you well, and cannot be from a family member (community leaders can include coaches, mentors, volunteer supervisors, etc.). One reference should be from a teacher, and the other can be from another teacher or a community leader. Please request references from people who can speak to your academic experience, your personal characteristics, and why you would be a good fit for this program.

Required Documents to be submitted:

You are responsible for following up with your references to ensure they've submitted this form. Your application will be considered incomplete if we do not have both references, and cannot be considered.

- 1) A valid birth certificate (your parent/ legal guardian must be able to get one for you)
- 2) A clear headshot picture of yourself
- 3) A completed Application (Incomplete application submitted will be discard)
- 4) Signed Parent/Guardian letters authorizing you to participate in the YAP program.
- 5) 2 Letters of recommendations

Identify 2 references (teachers, advisors or a community leader – no family members or personal friends) to recommend you.

Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) Application

First Name:

Last Name:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Gender:

Grade:

School Name:

School Address:

School telephone:

What type of school do you currently attend: a. Public b. Private c. Other

Community originally from:

Community you live in now:

Language(s)

Rate your Languages fluency: 1 = Not fluent, 5 = Fluent

English:	1	2	3	4	5,	Read	Write	Speak
French:	1	2	3	4	5,	Read	White	Speak
Haitian Creole:	1	2	3	4	5,	Read	Write	Speak

Contacting

1. What's the best way to stay in contact with you?
2. Do you have a Facebook account? If yes, what is your Facebook name?
3. Do you have an Email account? If yes, what is your Email account?
4. Do you have internet access?
5. Do you have Viber? If yes, what's your Viber number?
6. Do you have Whatsapp? If yes, what's your Whatsapp?
7. What other way we can reach you?

Availability

8. Are you willing and able to stay committed to Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) for a full year, starting January 2015, and Ending January 2016?

9. Will you be available to participate in all Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) activities and meetings?

- a. What days of the week are you free?
- b. Are you attending school, if yes what time does it begin and end?
- c. Do you work, if yes what time you start and end?
- d. When is the best time and way to reach you?
- e. Are you involved in any other activity or program? If so, what's the schedule?

Short Response question

- 10. Why do you want to join Youth Ambassador Program (YAP)?
- 11. What are your strengths?
- 12. What are your weaknesses?
- 13. How well do you work in a team with people who are different from you?
- 14. What leadership skills and experience do you have?
- 15. How do you handle difficult or uncomfortable situations?
- 16. What type of challenges does your community currently have?
- 17. Are you currently working on any project in your community?
 - a. If so what type of project are you working on? If not why not?
 - b. Are you planning on working on any project in the future? If yes what type of project? If you had \$100 USD to start a project in your community, how would you use the money?
- 18. How do you think the YAP opportunity will help you grow in the future?

Video Essay Response

- 19. Answer these 3 questions in a video!!!
 - a. Do you consider yourself a leader? If yes, Why yes? If not, Why not?
 - b. What do you value most, the voyage or the destination? Why?
 - c. In your perspective, what is a Citizen? How will YAP help you to become an active citizen?

Letter of recommendation

- 20. Your 2 recommendation letters, from teachers, community leaders, or other professionals. Family members or personal friends cannot write your recommendation letter.